



SPRINGBROOK GLEN HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION



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2006

News, Information and Events for our Community

www.springbrookglen.net

Yard Maintenance



As some of you may have noticed, the weather is getting warmer and the grass is starting to grow. Especially if you were lucky enough to get some winterizing fertilizer down in December after the ice storm and before the rains. Oh wait, what rains.

While not racing lawnmowers in my spare time, I was asked by the board to provide a little information on yard maintenance to help the community. If you haven't already done so, right now is the perfect time to apply a pre-emergent crabgrass control high in phosphorus. Fertilize after a rain so you do not burn out the grass. Also remember to water in any fertilizer applied for the same reason. I typically apply a dish soap/ammonia mixture to my lawn before fertilizing to break up the dirt and give the grass a quick shot of nitrogen. I typically fertilize within a couple weeks of the holiday schedule:

- Valentines Day - pre-emergent or weed and feed before the crab grass sprouts
- Easter - Spring weed and feed
- Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day - Summer Blend
- Thanksgiving to Christmas after the first frost and before a rain - Winterizer

Also, it is helpful to remember the fertilizer numbers are ratios. N-Po-Ph. So a 5-3-1 equals a 15-9-3:

- Nitrogen - affects the greenness of foliage.
- Potassium - helps with fruit and flower development.
- Phosphorus - or potash, affects root development and establishment when seeding/over winter.

Most of the lawns in this neighborhood began from St. Augustine sod in the front. The common neighborhood areas have Bermuda however. Some guidelines to follow for mowing include:

- Do not cut more than one-third the blade length
- Keep the St. Augustine high (4 inches) and the Bermuda short (2 inches).
- Change directions from the last time you mowed.
- Keep the mower blade sharp by sharpening at least twice per year.

The quality of dirt Legacy provided leaves something to be desired. I would recommend applying Dillo dirt (rich Austin made compost) every spring for a few years. Dillo dirt will bolster the soil nutrients and may prevent one or all applications of summer fertilizer. You can either apply Dillo dirt directly to the grass or work it in with an aerator. If you have never aerated your soil, then I recommend doing so this spring. You can rent one for ~ \$60 and share the cost/work with your neighbors. Make sure to water the grass a day or so beforehand to make your job easier.



You may have noticed a number of trees are already budding around town. Therefore, it is a good time to apply some tree and shrub spikes/fertilizer to help the trees in your yard wake up from their long winter nap. The housing community has been fully developed for over 3 years now, so you can also take the developer contributed tree poles down. They should really only be up a year and will actually stunt the growth of the tree if left up for too long (like a crutch).

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Sites of Interest

- www.springbrookglen.net
- www.cityofplugerville.com
- www.pfcona.org
- <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us>
- <http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us>

Cont: Yard Maintenance

Lastly, the powers that be wanted me to remind you to water, mow and edge your yard regularly. Here is the list that will get you a letter/postcard/possible fine this year for lack of yard maintenance:

- Edging with runners 6" or longer.
- Flower beds overgrown with weeds.
- Uncut grass for weeks at a time, typically 6" or longer.
- Prevalence of weeds.
- Dead yard: lack of watering or pests.
- Vegetable and fruit gardening in front yards

Remember, communication is the key if you have a problem. Ask your neighbors and the web forums for help with yard issues. If you incur a fine, communicate with the board to prevent further fines. They are not out to be "Grass Police", but rather to increase the aesthetic appearance of the community as a whole. Do your part by taking care of your yard and flower gardens.

BRAD HALL

Communications Czar

P.S. I don't really race lawnmowers...

Springbrook Glen HOA Meeting Minutes

The board has been busy this year with the 2006 goals (presented by Paul in the last newsletter). So far, the board has:

- Ratified the 2006 budget.
- Awarded Trugreen the lawn service contract.
- Considered vendors for play ground equipment and water features for the park area.
- Taken bids for electrical improvements at the front entrance for lighting. We plan to upgrade/repair the lighting fixtures and install electrical outlets for Christmas lights or other signage.
- Purchase of Christmas wreath for next season at the front entrance.

- Discussed the installation of lighting around the walking trail.
- Repaired broken supports on the playground equipment.
- Appointed Laurie Dixon to the Beautification committee.

Also, in Committee news (see "Events")

- Cassie Torres has begun planning a neighborhood wide garage sale. Contact Scott_Torres@sbcglobal.net for more information. Registration is free.
- Shelly O'Mara and Laura Whitlock are planning another Easter Egg Hunt this year. Feel free to volunteer for this!

Stay tuned to the website for more information on this and other news.



Community Events

March 13-17 - Spring Break and SXSW.

April 1 - Homeowners Dues.

April 6 - Arbor Day, so go plant a tree!

April 14 - Round Rock Express Home Opener.

April 8 - SBG Easter Egg Hunt

April 22 - Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale.

May 4-5 - Friends of PCL Used Book Sale.

May 21 - Deutschen Pfest 5K Pfun Run/Walk.

Board of Directors

President	Paul Clutts
Vice President	Tony Weathers
Treasurer	Mary Esther Garza
Secretary	Bob Russell
Asst Secretary	Cassie Torres
Manager	Jack Baker

Committee Leaders

Architectural	Tony Weathers
Communications	Brad Hall
Activities	Shelly O'Mara
Welcoming	OPENINGS
Beautification	Laurie Dixon

Board Meeting Dates

The board meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Pflugerville Justice Center, EOC/Room 500, at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the community but call before coming in case of time change.

- January 17
- February 21
- March 28
- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- July 18
- August 15,
- September 19
- October 17
- November 21
- December 7: Annual Meeting in the Justice Center courtroom.

HOMEOWNERS DUES:

Remember our Association assessments are \$60 per quarter & due on the dates listed below or yearly payments can be made as well.

- **January 1**
- **April 1**
- **July 1**
- **October 1**

Please mail payments to :

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